218-220 Old Colony Avenue Mixed-Use Project

South Boston, Massachusetts

APPLICATION FOR ARTICLE 80 SMALL PROJECT REVIEW

submitted to the

Boston Planning & Development Agency



by 218-220 Old Colony Ave LLC



September ____, 2019

Brian Golden, Director Boston Planning & Development Agency Boston City Hall, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02201

Dear Director Golden:

It is my pleasure to submit this application for Small Project Review pursuant to Article 80, Section 80E, of the Boston Zoning Code, for the 218-220 Old Colony Avenue Mixed-Use Project in South Boston.

The proposed project consists of 32 new residential units, primarily market rate, with 5 affordable units being provided pursuant to the City's Inclusionary Development Policy, as well as approximately 1,700 square feet of ground-floor commercial space. Thirty-three garage parking spaces will be provided.

The project site is located within an M-1 zoning district within the area of the South Boston Dorchester Avenue Planning Initiative. The applicant and owner-developer of the site is 218-220 Old Colony Ave LLC, and its principal, Sing Ming Chan of South Boston.

On behalf of the applicant and the development team, I wish to thank the BPDA for its guidance and assistance to date in this matter. We look forward to continuing our productive working relationship with BPDA staff as we move towards final approval of this project.

Very truly yours,

218-220 OLD COLONY AVENUE MIXED-USE PROJECT

~ South Boston ~

APPLICATION TO THE BOSTON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Pursuant to Article 80E of the Boston Zoning Code

submitted by

218-220 Old Colony Ave LLC - Sing Ming Chan

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I. PROJECT SUMMARY

1.1 Project Team

Owner and Applicant:

218-220 Old Colony Ave LLC 64 G Street South Boston, MA 02127 Sing Ming Chan, Member & Manager

Legal Counsel:

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Boston Survey, Inc. George Collins, P.L.S. Unit C-4, Shipway Place Charlestown, MA 02129

Tel: 617-242-1313

Email: gcollins@bostonsurveyinc.com

1.2 Project Summary

The proposed project consists of a new five-story mixed-use building containing 32-unit residential units and approximately 1,700 square feet of ground-floor commercial space at 218-220 Old Colony Avenue in South Boston, at the corner of Gustin Street, a dead-end public way being privatized and tabled as part of the scope of this project and the completed 232 Old Colony Avenue mixed-use project. The lot size is approximately 11,620 square feet and is currently occupied by a single-story commercial concrete-block building occupying approximately half the site. The proposed development would take advantage of the site's location a bonus height and density area of the South Boston Dorchester Avenue Planning Initiative to achieve a 60-foot tall

building, providing 32 new units of rental housing, with a higher affordable component consistent with the planning initiative's requirements.

1.3 Community Benefits

The proposed project will offer many public benefits to the surrounding neighborhood and to the City of Boston, including:

- the creation of 32 new dwelling units in an attractive low-rise building, including 5 affordable units in accordance with the City of Boston's Inclusionary Development Policy;
- generation of tens of thousands of dollars in revenue annually to the City of Boston once the project is completed in the form of new real property tax payments; and
- the expected creation of approximately 50 construction industry jobs to complete the proposed project;

II. DETAILED PROJECT INFORMATION

2.1 Project Description

The project site consists of approximately 11,620 square feet, comprised of one parcel of land in South Boston situated at 218-220 Old Colony Avenue, also known as 15 Gustin Street. The site fronts westerly on Old Colony Avenue, abuts Gustin Street to the south, the Boston Housing Authority's West Ninth Street development to the east, and a developed commercial parcel at 212 Old Colony Avenue to the north. The proposed new building will consist of 32 new residential apartment units, 27 being market rate, with 5 affordable units in accordance with the City's Inclusionary Development Policy, with the higher percentage required by the bonus height and density terms of the Dorchester Avenue planning study. There will be an approximately 1,700 square foot commercial unit on the ground floor. Thirty-three garage parking spaces are planned for the building's two-level garage, which will include six mechanical lifts providing 12 parking spaces.

2.2 Project Financing and Developer Pro Forma

The applicant has completed several residential projects in Boston over the past two and a half years, has an established and solid working relationship with local lenders, and intend to finance the project using traditional institutional financing.

Total Development Cost (soft/hard costs): \$14,000,000

Construction Cost (hard cost): \$14,400,000

Number of Construction Jobs: 50

Estimated Constructions Start: Second Quarter 2020

Estimated Construction Completed: Third Quarter 2021

2.3 Traffic, Parking, and Access

The building's garage will be accessed from Gustin Street via Old Colony avenue and will accommodate parking for thirty-three motor vehicles. The site is also located approximately fourtenths of a mile from the Andrew Square Red Line rapid transit station, which also provides bus access to routes 5, 10, 16, 17, 18, 171 and CT3, and is a two-minute walk from bus stops serving the 5, 10 and 11 bus routes.

2.4 Anticipated Permits and Approvals

Agency Name	Permit or Action
Boston Planning & Development Agency	 Article 80 Small Project Review Design Review Approval Affordable Housing Agreement
Boston Water and Sewer Commission	Local Water & Sewer Tie-in and Site Plan Approval
Boston Inspectional Services Department	 Zoning Board of Appeal Approval Demolition Permit Building Permit Certificate of Occupancy
Public Improvement Commission	Pedestrian EasementSpecific Repairs Plan

III. BOSTON ZONING CODE DATA

Zoning District: M-1 Restricted Manufacturing

Dimensional Element	M-1 Zoning (H-1) ¹	Proposed Project ¹	Expected Zoning Relief Required?
Minimum Lot Size	5,000 sf	11,523 sf	No
Minimum Lot Size (Add'l Dwelling Units)	1,000	11,523 sf total	Yes
Max. Floor Area Ratio	1.0	4.0	Yes
Maximum Building Height	35', 2 ½ Stories	60' 5 Stories	Yes
Minimum Lot Width	50'	62'	No
Minimum Lot Frontage	50′	62'	No
Minimum Front Yard Setback	20' or modal	5′	Yes
Minimum Side Yard	16'	5' 0'	Yes
Minimum Rear Yard	30′	0′	Yes
Minimum Usable Open Space	400 SF/D.U.	0	Yes

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¹ See Section 13-4. Dwellings in Nonresidential Districts. Any dwelling in an L, B, M, I, MER or W district shall conform to the lot area, lot width, usable open space, and yard requirements for the nearest S, R or H district, or in the case of any dwelling in a B-8 or B-10 district, to the lot area, lot width, usable open space and yard requirements for the least restricted residence district; provided however, that if the nearest S, R, or H district, or the least restricted residence district does not specify a minimum lot width, any such dwelling shall have a minimum street frontage of not less than 50 feet.

Off-Street Parking & Loading Requirements

Parking

27 market-rate 2BR units: 24 parking spaces required

5 2BR IDP units: 3 parking spaces required

Total parking spaces required: 27

Total spaces provided: 33

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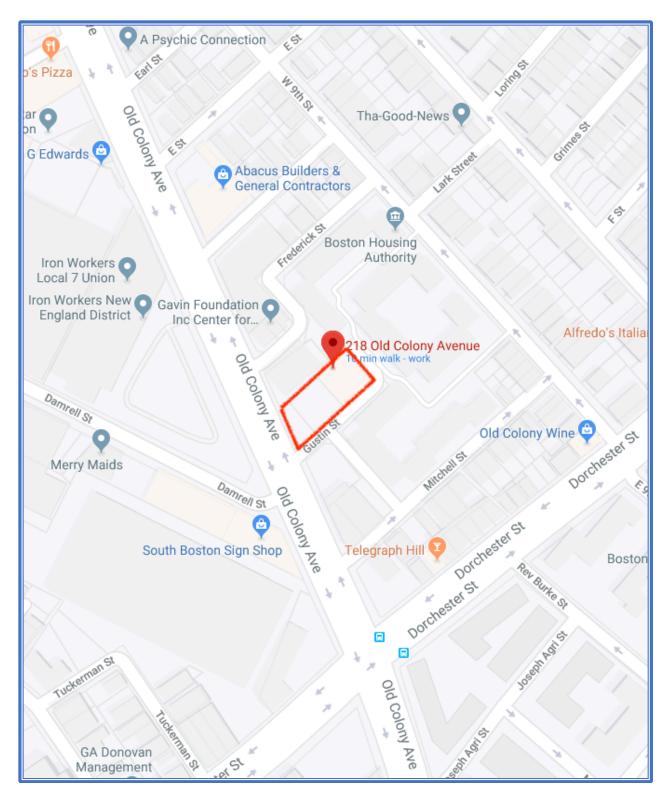
15,000 to 50,000 square feet: 1 loading bay required

1 loading bay to be provided.

PLAN: South Boston Dorchester Avenue - Applicability

The project site is within the area of the South Boston Dorchester Avenue Planning Initiative and is located in the Plan's 60-foot Density Bonus Height zone, and in Use Zone 1. In conformance with Plan requirements, the proponent has committed to, and will be required to provide, a 17% affordable housing contribution in the form of five IDP units. Additional community benefits will be required and provided to complete the project's requirement to provide other benefits comprising 40% of the density bonus value under the Plan.





PROJECT LOCUS MAP

218 Old Colony Avenue

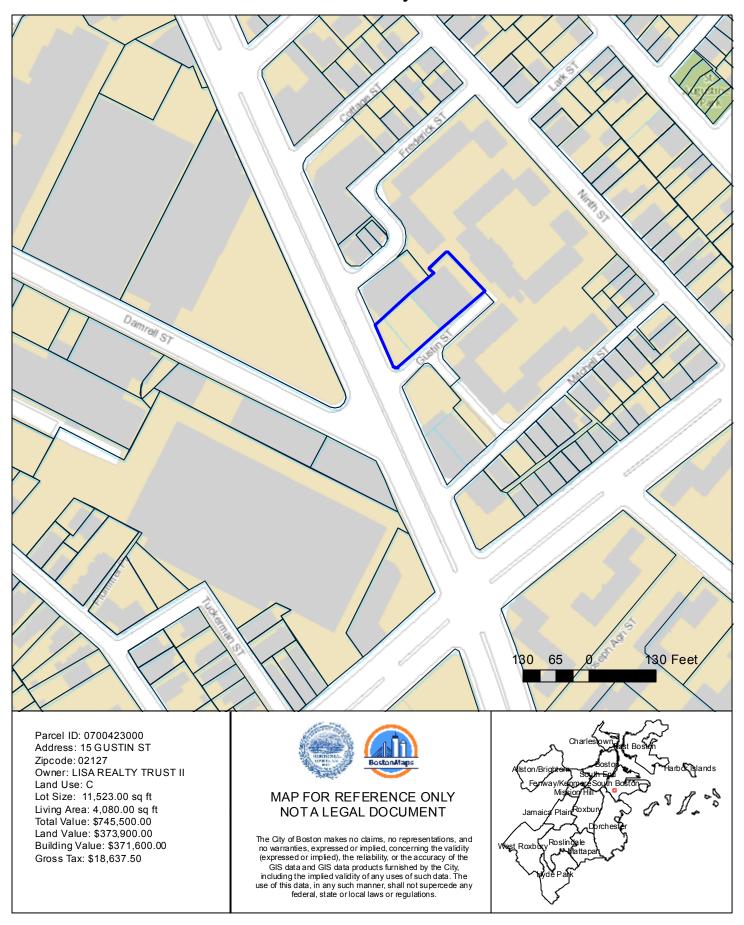


EXHIBIT 3







232 OLD COLONY AVENUE MIXED-USE PROJECT



SITE OF APPROVED 200 OLD COLONY AVENUE MIXED-USE PROJECT



RENDERING OF 200 OLD COLONY AVENUE MIXED-USE PROJECT UPON COMPLETION



Boston Inspectional Services Department Planning and Zoning Division

1010 Massachusetts Avenue Boston, MA 02118 Telephone: (617) 635-5300

Martin J. Walsh Mayor

ZONING CODE REFUSAL

Sean Lydon Inspector of Buildings

August 28, 2019

PING MANDAWE CHOO & COMPANY INC. ONE BILLINGS ROAD QUINCY, MA 02171

Location: 218-220 OLD COLONY AV SOUTH BOSTON MA 02127

Ward: 07

Zoning District: South Boston

Zoning Subdistrict: M-1

Appl. #: ERT986085 Date Filed: August 07, 2019

Purpose: Erect a new mixed use building with 1 commercial space and 32 dwelling units with parking below

as per plans. Existing Building at 15 Gustin St to be razed under separate permit.

YOUR APPLICATION REQUIRES RELIEF FROM THE BOARD OF APPEAL AS SAME WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE BOSTON ZONING CODE TO WIT: CHAPTER 665, ACTS OF 1956 AS AMENDED:

Violation	Violation Description	Violation Comments
Article 13, Section 1 * *	Add'l Lot Area Insufficient	
Article 13, Section 1 **	Floor Area Ratio Excessive	
Article 13, Section 1 ** *	Bldg Height Excessive (Feet)	
Article 13, Section 1 ** **	Usable Open Space Insufficient	
Article 13, Section 1 ***	Front Yard Insufficient	
Article 13, Section 1 *** *	Side Yard Insufficient	
Article 13, Section 1 ****	Rear Yard Insufficient	
Article 13, Section 1 **** *	Bldg Height Excessive (Stories)	
Article 23, Section 1	Off-Street Parking Req	Insufficient Off-Street Parking
Article 23, Section 9	Parking Design	Inappropriate Maneuvering Area
Article 8 Section 7	Use Regulations	Multi-Family Dwelling Use : Conditional

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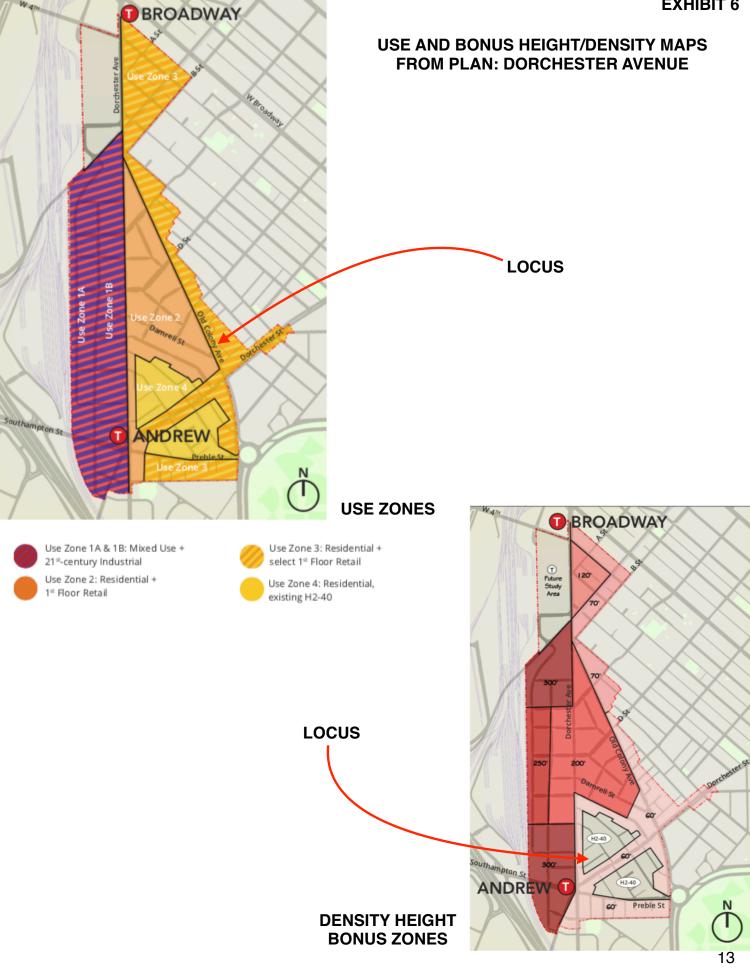
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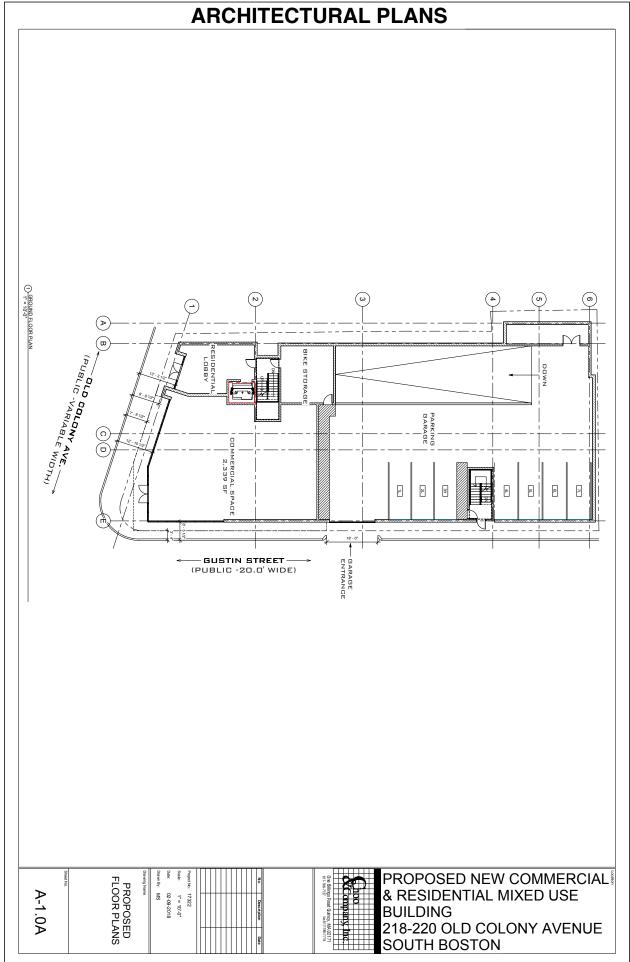
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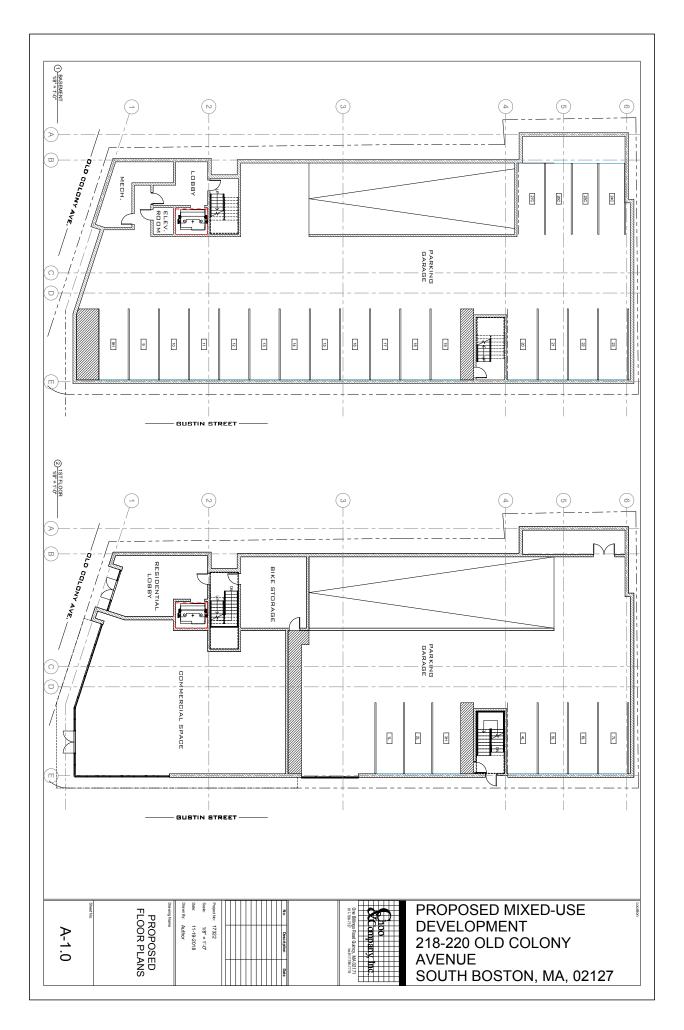
THIS DECISION MAY BE APPEALED TO THE BOARD OF APPEAL WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 665 OF THE ACTS OF 1956, AS AMENDED. APPLICATIONS NOT APPEALED WITHIN THAT TIME PERIOD WILL BE DEEMED ABANDONED. IF YOU HAVE INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROCESS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AT 617-635-3485.

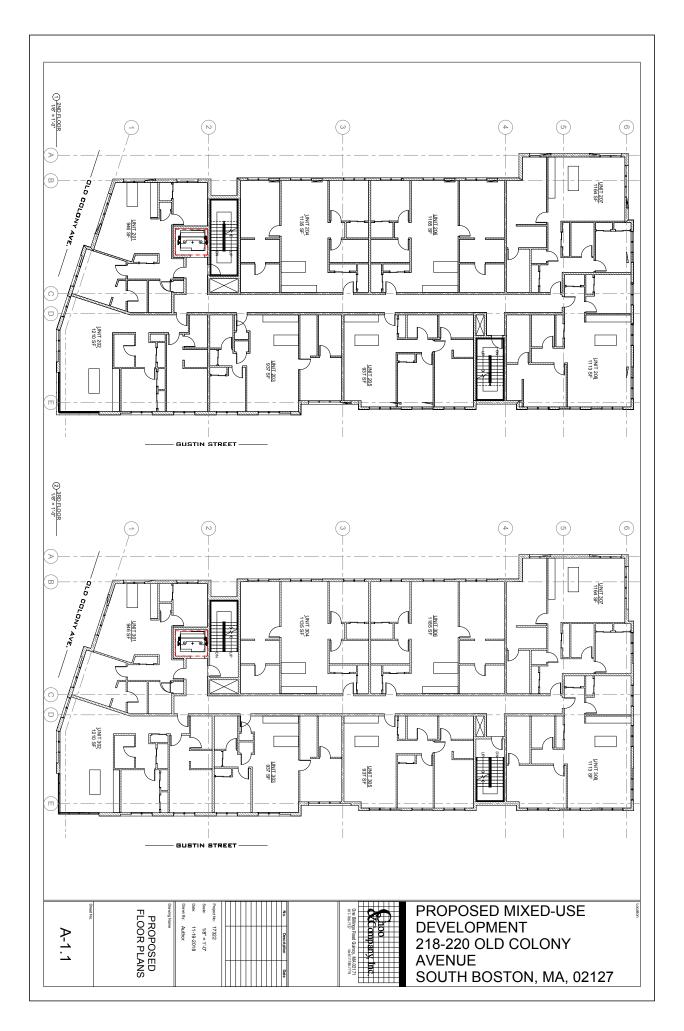
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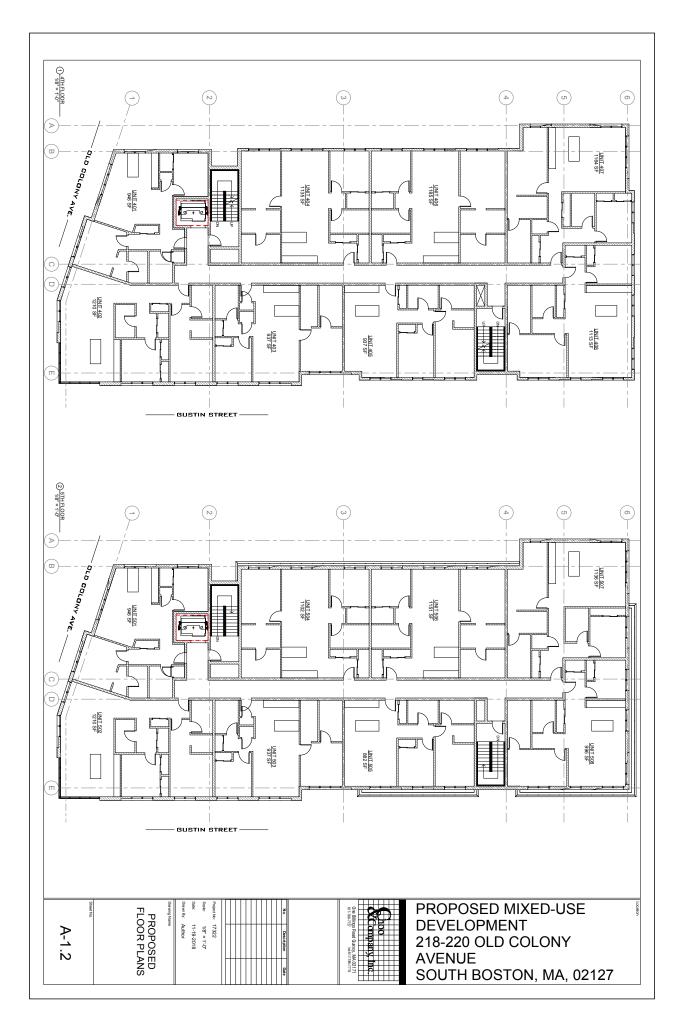


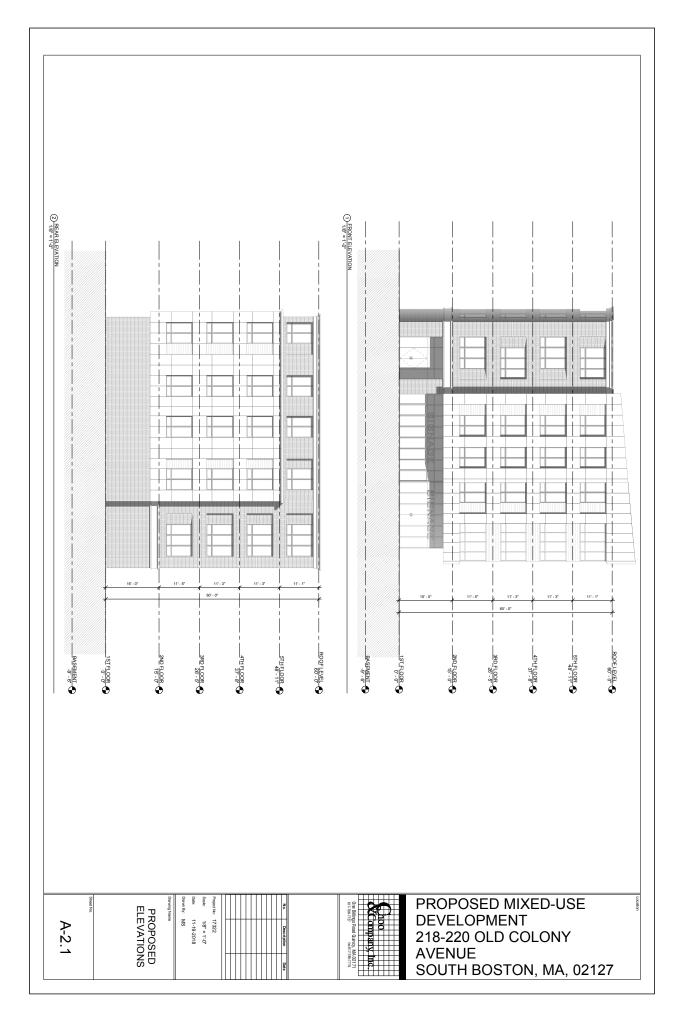


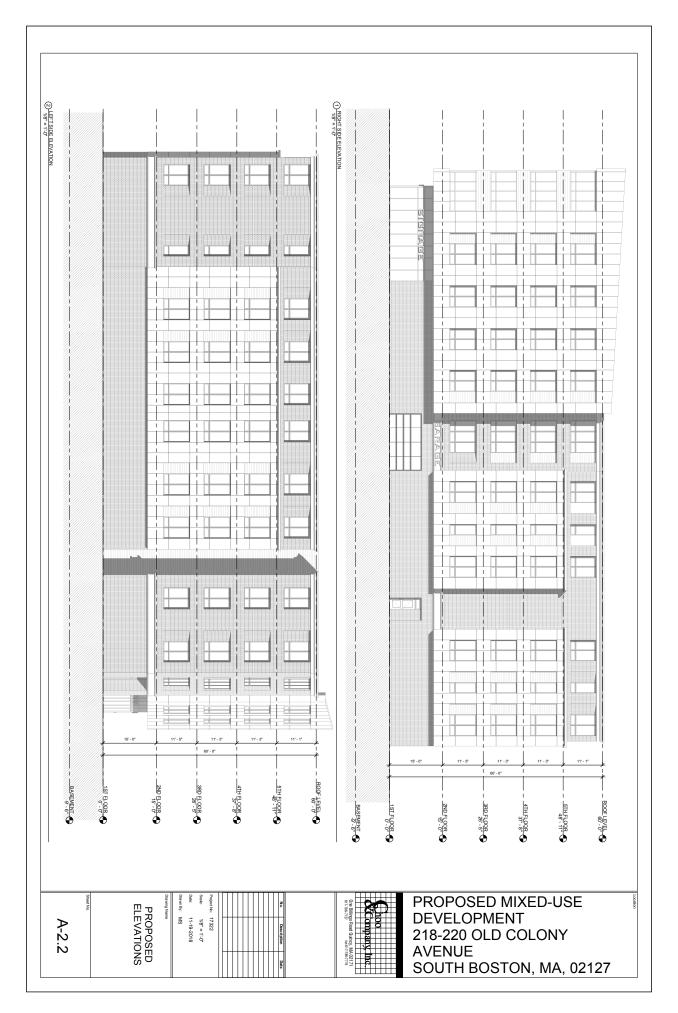
















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PROPOSED NEW COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE BUILDING 218-220 OLD COLONY AVENUE SOUTH BOSTON, MA 02127

Accessibility Checklist

(to be added to the BRA Development Review Guidelines)

In 2009, a nine-member Advisory Board was appointed to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities in an effort to reduce architectural, procedural, attitudinal, and communication barriers affecting persons with disabilities in the City of Boston. These efforts were instituted to work toward creating universal access in the built environment.

In line with these priorities, the Accessibility Checklist aims to support the inclusion of people with disabilities. In order to complete the Checklist, you must provide specific detail, including descriptions, diagrams and data, of the universal access elements that will ensure all individuals have an equal experience that includes full participation in the built environment throughout the proposed buildings and open space.

In conformance with this directive, all development projects subject to Boston Zoning Article 80 Small and Large Project Review, including all Institutional Master Plan modifications and updates, are to complete the following checklist and provide any necessary responses regarding the following:

- improvements for pedestrian and vehicular circulation and access;
- encourage new buildings and public spaces to be designed to enhance and preserve Boston's system of parks, squares, walkways, and active shopping streets;
- ensure that persons with disabilities have full access to buildings open to the public;
- afford such persons the educational, employment, and recreational opportunities available to all citizens; and
- preserve and increase the supply of living space accessible to persons with disabilities.

We would like to thank you in advance for your time and effort in advancing best practices and progressive approaches to expand accessibility throughout Boston's built environment.

Accessibility Analysis Information Sources:

- 1. Americans with Disabilities Act 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
 - a. http://www.ada.gov/2010ADAstandards_index.htm
- 2. Massachusetts Architectural Access Board 521 CMR
 - a. http://www.mass.gov/eopss/consumer-prot-and-bus-lic/license-type/aab/aab-rules-and-regulations-pdf.html
- 3. Boston Complete Street Guidelines
 - a. http://bostoncompletestreets.org/
- 4. City of Boston Mayors Commission for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board
 - a. http://www.cityofboston.gov/Disability
- 5. City of Boston Public Works Sidewalk Reconstruction Policy
 - a. http://www.cityofboston.gov/images_documents/sidewalk%20policy%200114_tcm3-41668.pdf
- 6. Massachusetts Office On Disability Accessible Parking Requirements
 - a. www.mass.gov/anf/docs/mod/hp-parking-regulations-mod.doc
- 7. MBTA Fixed Route Accessible Transit Stations
 - a. http://www.mbta.com/about the mbta/accessibility/

Project Information

Project Name: 218-220 Old Colony Avenue Mixed-Use Project

Project Address Primary: 218-220 Old Colony Avenue, South Boston, MA

Project Address Additional:

Project Contact (name / Title / Company / email / phone):

218-220 Old Colony Ave LLC, Sing Ming Chan, Mgr/Owner

singmchan@gmail.com

Team Description

Owner / Developer: 218-220 Old Colony Ave LLC, Sing Ming Chan, Mgr/Owner

Architect: Choo & Associates

Engineer (building systems): n/a

Sustainability / LEED: n/a

Permitting: Adams & Morancy, P.C.

Construction Management: undetermined

Project Permitting and Phase

At what phase is the project - at time of this questionnaire?

☑ PNF / Expanded PNF Submitted	Draft / Final Project Impact Report Submitted	BRA Board Approved
BRA Design Approved	Under Construction	Construction just completed:

Building Classification and Description

What are the principal Building Uses - select all appropriate uses?

Residential – One to Three Unit	☑ Residential - Multi-unit, Four +	Institutional	Education
☑ Commercial	Office	Retail	Assembly
Laboratory / Medical	Manufacturing / Industrial	Mercantile	Storage, Utility and Other
Residential, Amenity Space, Accessory Retail Space			

First Floor Uses (List)

What is the Construction Type - select most appropriate type?

	☑ Wood Frame	Masonry	☑ Steel Frame	Concrete
Describe the building?				
Site Area:	11,447 SF	Building Area:		Approx.45,948 GSF +/-
Building Height:	60'	Number of Stori	es:	5
First Floor Elevation:	Varying, 16.44'- 18.09' +/- across the site.	Are there below	grade spaces:	☑Yes / No
	Final Elevation to be determined during Construction Drawing phase			

Assessment of Existing Infrastructure for Accessibility:

This section explores the proximity to accessible transit lines and proximate institutions such as, but not limited to hospitals, elderly and disabled housing, and general neighborhood information. The proponent should identify how the area surrounding the development is accessible for people with mobility impairments and should analyze the existing condition of the accessible routes through sidewalk and pedestrian ramp reports.

Provide a description of the development neighborhood and identifying characteristics.

The Project Site is located within a Restricted Manufacturing (M-1) zoning district. The surrounding neighborhood is a mix of commercial/retail, residential, and office uses. More significant, the site is within the area of the South Boston Dorchester Avenue Planning Initiative.

List the surrounding ADA compliant MBTA transit lines and the proximity to the development site: Commuter rail, subway, bus, etc.

Andrew MBTA Station - 0.4 mile away

Red Line Subway

• Bus Routes 5, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 171, CT3

List the surrounding institutions: hospitals, public housing and elderly and disabled housing developments, educational facilities, etc.

Affordable/Public Housing: West Ninth Street Senior Housing

School: Excel High School

Public Library: Boston Public Library, South Boston Branch

Community Centers: South Boston Boys & Girls Club

Police: Boston Police District C-6 South Boston

Hospital: South Boston Community Health Center

Is the proposed development on a priority accessible route to a key public use facility? List the surrounding: government buildings, libraries, community centers and recreational facilities and other related facilities.

Site is located 0.4 mile from Andrew Station that links the site to major Boston public facilities.

Surrounding Site Conditions - Existing:

This section identifies the current condition of the sidewalks and pedestrian ramps around the development site.

Are there sidewalks and pedestrian ramps existing at the development site?

Yes, an existing sidewalk abuts the project site to the west and east. The existing sidewalk includes pedestrian ramps.

If yes above, list the existing sidewalk and pedestrian ramp materials and physical condition at the development site.

The existing sidewalk material is concrete with granite curbing. The physical condition of the existing concrete sidewalk and pedestrian ramps is good.

Are the sidewalks and pedestrian ramps existing-to-remain? **If yes,** have the sidewalks and pedestrian ramps been verified as compliant? **If yes,** please provide surveyors report.

Yes, with modifications for new driveway entrances into the property. No, the existing sidewalks and pedestrian ramps have not been verified as being in compliance at this time but will be verified during the project design.

No.

Is the development site within a historic district? **If yes,** please identify.

Surrounding Site Conditions - Proposed

This section identifies the proposed condition of the walkways and pedestrian ramps in and around the development site. The width of the sidewalk contributes to the degree of comfort and enjoyment of walking along a street. Narrow sidewalks do not support lively pedestrian activity, and may create dangerous conditions that force people to walk in the street. Typically, a five-foot wide Pedestrian Zone supports two people walking side by side or two wheelchairs passing each other. An eight-foot wide Pedestrian Zone allows two pairs of people to comfortable pass each other, and a ten foot or wider Pedestrian Zone can support high volumes of pedestrians.

Are the proposed sidewalks consistent with the Boston Complete Street Guidelines? See: www.bostoncompletestreets.org

If yes above, choose which Street Type was applied: Downtown Commercial, Downtown Mixed-use, Neighborhood Main, Connector, Residential, Industrial, Shared Street, Parkway, Boulevard.

What is the total width of the proposed sidewalk? List the widths of the proposed zones: Frontage, Pedestrian and Furnishing Zone.

List the proposed materials for each Zone. Will the proposed materials be on private property or will the proposed materials be on the City of Boston pedestrian rightof-way? Yes (pending confirmation of existing cross slopes and clearances).

Neighborhood Connector.

The sidewalk along Old Colony Avenue is approximately 9.75 feet (including the curb) depending on the location in the project. All other items are not applicable.

The paving material for the sidewalk will be poured in place concrete.

If the pedestrian right-of-way is on private property, will the proponent seek a pedestrian easement with the City of Boston Public Improvement Commission?	NA NA
Will sidewalk cafes or other furnishings be programmed for the pedestrian right-of-way?	No
If yes above, what are the proposed dimensions of the sidewalk café or furnishings and what will the right-of-way clearance be?	
Proposed Accessible Parking:	
	cess Board Rules and Regulations 521 CMR Section 23.00 regarding nts and the Massachusetts Office of Disability Handicap Parking
What is the total number of parking spaces provided at the development site parking lot or garage?	33 spaces
What is the total number of accessible spaces provided at the development site?	2 spaces
Will any on street accessible parking spaces be required? If yes, has the proponent contacted the Commission for Persons with Disabilities and City of Boston Transportation Department regarding this need?	No
Where is accessible visitor parking located?	In the enclosed garage.
Has a drop-off area been identified? If yes, will it be accessible?	Yes, on the Gustin Street side of the building. Gustin Street is being privatized and will be tabled and fully accessible.
Include a diagram of the accessible	

routes to and from the accessible parking lot/garage and drop-off
areas to the development entry
locations. Please include route
distances.

Circulation and Accessible Routes:

The primary objective in designing smooth and continuous paths of travel is to accommodate persons of all abilities that allow for universal access to entryways, common spaces and the visit-ability* of neighbors.

*Visit-ability - Neighbors ability to access and visit with neighbors without architectural barrier limitations

Provide a diagram of the accessible The accessible route is along the Old Colony Ave. sidewalk. All entryways to the route connections through the site. building will be accessible. See floor plans. Describe accessibility at each Flush Condition at most if not all entryway locations. Ramps to be added where/if entryway: Flush Condition, Stairs, needed. This will enable access and promote "Visit-ability". The apartment building Ramp Elevator. is serviced by an elevator and flush condition at the entryway. All common areas are accessible and all units will have good "Visit-ability". Are the accessible entrance and the Yes standard entrance integrated? If no above, what is the reason? Will there be a roof deck or outdoor Yes, there is a proposed common roof deck. Deck shall have two means of egress courtyard space? If yes, include and elevator access. All egress' from roof deck shall have flush conditions.

Accessible Units: (If applicable)

diagram of the accessible route.

Has an accessible routes way-

finding and signage package been

developed? If yes, please describe.

In order to facilitate access to housing opportunities this section addresses the number of accessible units that are proposed for the development site that remove barriers to housing choice.

and Accessibility Board Requirements

What is the total number of proposed units for the development?

32 dwelling units.

Not yet but all future way finding signage will be developed to meet Building Code

How many units are for sale; how many are for rent? What is the market value vs. affordable breakdown?	All will be rental units.
How many accessible units are being proposed?	As prescribed by 521 CMR AAB 5% (2 Units) will be Group 2A Units. All Remaining Units will be Group 1 dwelling units.
Please provide plan and diagram of the accessible units.	See attached.
How many accessible units will also be affordable? If none, please describe reason.	1
Do standard units have architectural barriers that would prevent entry or use of common space for persons with mobility impairments? Example: stairs at entry or step to balcony. If yes, please provide reason.	No
Has the proponent reviewed or presented the proposed plan to the City of Boston Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board?	No,
Did the Advisory Board vote to support this project? If no, what recommendations did the Advisory Board give to make this project more accessible?	NA NA

Thank you for completing the Accessibility Checklist!

For questions or comments about this checklist or accessibility practices, please contact:

<u>kathryn.quigley@boston.gov</u> | Mayors Commission for Persons with Disabilities